



Press Release
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has conducted search operations on 23.01.2024 at 20 locations in Chandigarh, Panchkula (Haryana), Zirakpur (Mohali, Punjab), Baddi and Solan (Himachal Pradesh) under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 in the case of Haryana Shahri Vikas Pradhikaran (HSVP earlier known as HUDA- Haryana Urban Development Authority) fake refund scam.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of an FIR registered by Haryana Police under various sections of IPC, 1860 against Haryana Shahri Vikas Pradhikaran (HSVP earlier known as HUDA- Haryana Urban Development Authority).

ED investigation revealed that various persons, firms and companies have fraudulently availed Govt funds misusing HSVP bank account during the period 2015 to 2019 and thereby, causing financial loss of approx. Rs. 70 Crore to the Govt Exchequer. ED investigation also revealed that the Govt funds were repeatedly released in favour of the beneficiaries in suspected connivance of some officials of HSVP. These beneficiaries were prima facie not related to any kind of regular services, investment or other financial activities of the department and record of these transactions was also not available with HSVP. It was also found that various shell entities such as Unicity Constructions etc. had been incorporated and used by the beneficiaries for layering, rotation and usage of proceeds of crime for investment into various immovable properties and other expenses.

During the course of searches, various documents related to immovable properties worth approx. Rs.11 Crore were found and seized along with cash of Rs.19 lakh. The searches also unearthed 115 bank accounts which are suspected to be involved in layering and rotation of proceeds of crime. Further, various incriminating documents, electronic devices and books of accounts of various firms and companies were also found and seized.

Further investigation is under progress.